

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 2, and 10-12 as set forth in the listing of claims that follows:

We claim:

1. (Currently Amended) A flexible drive member attachment for connecting a flexible drive member having a plurality of spaced windows to a driven member, the flexible drive member attachment comprising:

a yoke having laterally spaced side walls connected by a bridge wall, the yoke

have having a connector attached to the bridge wall, and

a coupler disposed between the side walls and attached to the yoke, the coupler having a plurality of spaced teeth extending in a direction away from the bridge wall, and

an outer shoe adjacent each side wall, each outer shoe having a forward flange that engages the bridge wall and a rearward flange that engages a rearward edge of the associated side wall and that has at least one finger that extends from the rearward flange and into a socket of the other shoe to attach the shoes to each other and the yoke.

2. (Currently Amended) The flexible drive member attachment as defined in claim 1 wherein the at least one finger of each rearward flange extends through a space between adjacent ones of the spaced teeth of the coupler.

3. (Original) The flexible drive attachment as defined in claim 1 wherein each outer shoe has longitudinally spaced, resilient, forward bows and longitudinally spaced, resilient side bows.

4. (Original) The flexible drive member attachment as defined in claim 1 wherein each outer shoe has a recess receiving the associated side wall.

5. (Original) The flexible drive member attachment as defined in claim 1 wherein each side wall has rearward feet that extend outwardly and that are separated by a slot and wherein the rearward flange of each outer shoe extends through the slot of the associated side wall.

6. (Original) The flexible drive member attachment of claim 1 wherein the flexible drive member attachment is adapted for connection to a drive chain.

7. (Original) The flexible drive member attachment of claim 1 wherein the flexible drive member is adapted for attachment to a flexible drive belt having spaced windows.

8. (Original) A flexible drive member attachment for connecting a flexible drive member having a plurality of spaced windows to a driven member, the flexible drive member attachment comprising:

a yoke having laterally spaced side walls connected by a bridge wall,

a connector attached to the bridge wall,

a coupler disposed between the side walls and attached to the yoke,

the coupler having a plurality of spaced teeth extending in a direction away from the bridge wall,

an outer shoe adjacent each side wall, each outer shoe having a forward flange that engages the bridge wall and a rearward flange that engages a rearward edge of the associated side wall and that has at least one finger that extends from the rearward flange through a space between adjacent ones of the spaced teeth of the coupler and into a socket of the other shoe,

each outer shoe having longitudinally spaced forward resilient bows and longitudinally spaced resilient bows,

each side wall having a rearward slot, and

the rearward flange of each outer shoe extending through the rearward slot of the associated side wall.

9. (Original) The flexible drive member attachment as defined in claim 8 wherein each side wall has rearward feet that extend outwardly and that are separated by one of the rearward slots and wherein each outer shoe has a recess receiving the associated side wall.

10. (Currently Amended) The flexible drive member attachment as defined in claim 8 wherein each outer shoe having longitudinally spaced, ~~forward~~ resilient forward bows and longitudinally spaced, resilient side bows.

11. (Currently Amended) The combination comprising a flexible drive member having a plurality of evenly spaced windows and a flexible drive member attachment comprising:

a yoke having laterally spaced side walls connected by a bridge wall,

a stud connector attached to the bridge wall,

a coupler disposed between the side walls, the coupler having a plurality of studs extending through holes in the bridge wall to connect the coupler to the yoke,

the coupler having a plurality of evenly spaced teeth extending in a direction away from the bridge wall and through respective ones of the windows of the flexible drive member,

an outer shoe adjacent each side wall, each outer shoe having a forward flange engaging the bridge wall[[;]], and a rearward flange that extends through a rearward slot of the associated side wall, and

each rearward flange having at least one finger that extends from the rearward flange behind the flexible drive member and through a space between adjacent ones of the teeth of the coupler and into a socket of the other shoe.

12. (Currently Amended) The combination as defined in claim 11 wherein each shoe has longitudinally spaced, resilient[[,] forward bows and longitudinally spaced, resilient side bows.

13. (Original) The combination as defined in claim 11 wherein each side wall has rearward feet that extend outwardly and that are separated by one of the rearward slots and wherein each outer shoe has a recess receiving the associated side wall.

14. (Original) The combination as defined in claim 11 wherein the flexible drive member is a drive chain and each rearward flange has a plurality of fingers and associated sockets in the other rearward flange.